Galatians 4: 4 – 11

"...You observe days and months and seasons and years."

'paratereo' - to inspect alongside, that is, note insidiously or scrupulously; to neglect nothing requisite to the religious observance of

What is Independence Day?

Independence Day is a time in which Americans get together to celebrate the birth of our great nation. Whether it is a picnic, cookout, popping fireworks or just enjoying each other's company we each enjoy the freedom which freedom provides.

You probably didn't know

It was July 2nd not the 4th in which the Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence

The Liberty Bell, in Philadelphia, did not ring on July 4th but instead on July 8th at the public reading of the declaration of independence.

Pyrotechnic displays (fireworks) were authorized as part of the celebration in 1777.

On July 4, 1866, the 50th anniversary, both Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died hours apart. James Monroe died July 4th, 1831.

In 1870, Independence Day became a recognized holiday. But it was not until 1938(41) that it became a Federal Holiday.

Independence Day is only 1 of 4 Federal Holidays that is celebrated on the same calendar date every year.

What does Independence Day bring? The joy of being free.

"Living a fulfilling and sustainable lifestyle."

Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness

A remembrance to the Declaration of Independence

Liberty = Freedom from oppression

Luke 4: 16 – 21

"Christ came to set at liberty those who were oppressed"

The Old Law

Acts 10: 34 – 43

Colossians 2 : 11 – 14

Sin

John 8: 31 – 36

Romans 8 : 1 – 4

Hebrews 10:4

"For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins."

Liberty = Freedom

Romans 6: 16 – 18, 22

"...having been set free from sin...

Free to do what we want? – No.

I Peter 2: 15 – 16

"...as free...but as bondservants..."

I Corinthians 6 : 12; 10 : 23

Lawful and Profitable are not the same

Lawful and Edifying are not the same

Beware of False Freedom - II Peter 2:18 - 19

Declaration of Independence

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

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James 3:9
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"...made in the similitude of God..."

John 10:10

"...that they may have it more abundantly..."

John 3: 16 – He died for all men

What is the Christians Declaration of Independence? The Gospel

Mark 1: 1, 7 – 8, 14 – 15

"The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ...He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...Repent and believe in the gospel."

Mark 16: 16

"Go...preach the gospel...will be saved..."

Acts 8: 25; 14: 7, 21; 15: 7; 16: 10; 20: 24

Romans 1: 16

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel...power...to salvation..."